



**Logistics & Freight Forum  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, 1.30pm  
Microsoft Office Teams**


**In Attendance:**

Cllr Colin Davidson (Chair)	Fife Council
Cllr Robin Lawson	Fife Council
Jim Grieve	SEStran
Keith Fiskin	SEStran
Peter Jackson	SEStran
Nikki Boath	SEStran
Doreen Steele	NCM
Mark Richardson	Ristol Consulting Ltd
Kevin Collins	Falkirk Council
Greg McDougall	City of Edinburgh Council
Ian Buchanan	City of Edinburgh Council
Jonathan Cowie	Edinburgh Napier University
Jim May	Transport Scotland
David Prescott	Victa-railfreight
Paul Davison	AECOM
Cllr Scott Arthur	City of Edinburgh Council
Ian McCrory	Fife Council
Lesley Deans	Clackmannanshire Council
Ian Budd	Friends of the Far North

**Apologies:**

Rose Tweedale	Transport Scotland
Cllr Sally Pattle	West Lothian Council
Laura McIntyre	Falkirk Council
Ian Aikman	Scottish Borders Council
Cllr Margaret Anslow	Falkirk Council
John Curry	Scottish Borders Council
Lawrence Marshall	Capital Rail Action Group
Cllr Jenny Linehan	Scottish Borders Council
Cllr Denis Coyne	Clackmannanshire Council
Cllr Dianne Alexander	Midlothian Council
Gordon Brown	West Lothian Council
Derek Knox	Forth Ports

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1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.	
2.	<b>SEStran Regional Freight Study Update</b>	
	<p>KF provided an update of the study. KF confirmed that the Case for Change study has been finalised and approved by Transport Scotland. The Preliminary Options Appraisal has been completed and is with Transport Scotland for approval. KF pointed out that the draft version of the Preliminary Options Appraisal and the Case for Change are on the SEStran website and the link to these are below. KF highlighted that comments from stakeholders are still being collated and invited Forum members to provide any comments directly to KF at <a href="mailto:keith.fisken@sestran.gov.uk">keith.fisken@sestran.gov.uk</a>. It is hoped that the Preliminary Options Appraisal will be completed by end of March 2023. After this date, business cases will be investigated to explore further funding options and develop trials for the region. KF said that a generic consolidation centre is being scoped out with Forth Ports including food and retail hubs around the Grangemouth area to encourage modal shift. KF highlighted that converted passenger trains to move freight into Edinburgh and from further south are being investigated. KF also mentioned that the new tram route is being considered for moving freight from Leith to Edinburgh Airport. KF provided a link to Orion Rail Group who are converting old passenger trains into freight trains.</p> <p><a href="https://sestran.gov.uk/projects/regional-freight-study/">https://sestran.gov.uk/projects/regional-freight-study/</a></p> <p><a href="https://orion.railopsgroup.co.uk/">https://orion.railopsgroup.co.uk/</a></p>	
3.	<b>Perth West Consolidation Update</b>	
	<p>MR provided a presentation in relation to Perth West Consolidation Centre. MR provided an overview of the SURFLOGH programme which looks at decarbonisation of logistics for small and medium sized cities and how to undertake the logistics in an efficient, affordable and inclusive way. MR explained that the SURFLOGH learnings could help other cities build infrastructure, systems and governance models to help the decarbonisation of freight. MR explained that the challenge is how to design and deliver logistics infrastructure to support businesses, communities and public places. MR highlighted through his presentation the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the partnerships created to help build the framework</li> <li>• stakeholder input</li> <li>• the types of hubs that are required to be created</li> <li>• case studies including drone trials</li> </ul>	

	<p>The link to MR's presentation is below:</p> <p><a href="https://sestran.sharepoint.com/Shared%20Documents/Governance/Committee%20and%20liaison%20group%20meetings/Logistics%20&amp;%20Freight%20Forum/2022%20Meetings/3.%202002%2011%2022/RCL%20presentation%20SEStran%20Freight%20&amp;%20Logistics%20Forum%20Tuesday%2022nd%20Nov%202022%20FINAL%20(22.11.22)%20(4).pdf">https://sestran.sharepoint.com/Shared%20Documents/Governance/Committee%20and%20liaison%20group%20meetings/Logistics%20&amp;%20Freight%20Forum/2022%20Meetings/3.%202002%2011%2022/RCL%20presentation%20SEStran%20Freight%20&amp;%20Logistics%20Forum%20Tuesday%2022nd%20Nov%202022%20FINAL%20(22.11.22)%20(4).pdf</a></p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Drones &amp; Freight Presentation</b>	
	<p>JC provided a presentation regarding smarter solutions for last mile logistics. JC highlighted the drone trial in Brechin undertaken over the summer.</p> <p>JC highlighted through his presentation the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory framework</li> <li>• Case Studies – Worldwide and UK based</li> <li>• Future Possible Scenarios</li> </ul> <p>JG asked what the maximum weight of packages is for drone delivery. JC explained that it is generally light packages and presently only for last mile logistics.</p> <p>LD enquired if a study had been undertaken in relation to the impact on the environment in terms of wildlife, in particular protected species, both from injury to animals and from a safety aspect, animals bringing drones down. JC is not aware of an impact study. MR explained that a trial of an understanding of biodiversity is beginning shortly.</p> <p>The link to JC's presentation is below:</p> <p> SEStran Freight Forum Drone Work N</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Regional Transport Strategy Update</b>	
	<p>KF informed the Forum that the final draft version of the RTS has now been approved by SEStran Board. It has now been submitted to Scottish Government for approval. The link is below:</p> <p><a href="https://sestran.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-09-28-SEStran-RTS-v1.8-FINAL-SEStran.pdf">https://sestran.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-09-28-SEStran-RTS-v1.8-FINAL-SEStran.pdf</a></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	There was no AOCB.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The proposed date for the next Logistics and Freight Forum is May 2023.	